

THE  
ORDERS, RULES,  
AND  
ORDINANCES,

Ordained, Devised, and Made

By the Master and Keepers or  
Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery  
or Art of STATIONERS of the City  
of *LONDON*, for the well-governing of  
that Society.

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We do allow the Printing of these Orders  
for the Use of the Members of the Com-  
pany.

Ri. Rainford.  
Fra. North.

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**T**<sup>D</sup> all to whom these Presents shall come, We the Right Honourable *Heneage Lord Finch*, Baron of *Daventry*, Lord High Chancellor of *England*, Sir *Richard Rainsford* Knight, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of *Kings-Bench*, and Sir *Francis North* Knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of *Common-Pleas* at *Westminster*, send Greeting. *Whereas*, in a Statute made in the Parliament holden at *Westminster* the Twenty Fifth day of *January*, in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of the late King of Famous Memory, *Henry* the Seventh, for the Weal and Profit of his Subjects, It was amongst other things, Ordained, Established and Enacted, That no Master, Wardens and Fellowships of Crafts and Mysteries, or any of them, nor any Rulers of Guilds and Fraternities, should take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances, nor to Execute any Acts or Ordinances by them then afore-made, in Disinheritance or Diminution of the Prerogative of the King, nor of any other, nor against the Common Profit of the People: But if the said Acts or Ordinances be Examined and Approved by the Chancellor or Treasurer of *England*, or Chief Justices of either Bench, or Three of them, or before both the Justices of Assize in their Circuit or Progress in the Shire where such Acts or Ordinances be made, upon pain of Forfeiture of Forty Pounds for every time that they do contrary, (as by the same Statute more plainly doth and may appear.) *Know ye*, That the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, willing and desiring that the said Act of Parliament, be in all things duely observed and kept, the Third Day of *January*, in the Nine and Twentieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *Charles* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, *Defender of the Faith*, &c. Have presented unto us a Book containing divers Orders, Rules and Ordinances by them Ordained, Devised and Made, for the well Governing of their Society; And as well for the Consideration of the good Estate thereof, as for the better Governing and Ordering of the said Society,

Society, at their humble Suit to us made, to have the same Settled and Established: And that We, all and every their said Acts and Ordinances hereafter mentioned, and by them so to us exhibited, would Examine, and those and every of them Correct and Amend, and so Approve them in due and convenient manner and form, as the said recited Act of Parliament requireth: ~~We~~ well perceiving and considering the said Supplication to be good and reasonable, according to their Desire, and by the Authority of the said Act of Parliament to us given; All and every their Acts and Ordinances, so to us Exhibited, have Seen, Read and Examined; The Tenor whereof hereafter followeth, *Viz.*

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governing of that Society.

**I**T is Ordained, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society and their Successors for ever, shall, and may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, by the appointment of the Master, or, in his absence, of the Wardens of the said Society, for the time being, assemble themselves together (as heretofore hath been usual) and keep Courts at their Common Hall, or other convenient place of meeting within the City of London or Liberties thereof, for such affairs of the said Company as have been usually at such Courts done and dispatched; wherein Care shall be taken as well for the better ordering, ruling, and governing the Members thereof, as also for the Correction, Redress, and Reformation of such abuses and disorders which may happen in the said Society amongst any the Members thereof; and shall and may there also admit Apprentices to their respective Members, according to the Usage of the said Society, and Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom; and may also then make free of the said Society such as have served their Apprenticeships, or such as shall be otherwise thought fit to be admitted Freemen thereof, as by the ancient usage of this Company

Courts to be holden by Order of the Master, or of the Warden, in his Absence.

Sit in Gowns.  
Not depart  
without  
Leave of the  
Master, or one  
of the War-  
dens.

Penalty 1s.

At Quarterly  
Courts all the  
Members to  
be sum-  
moned, and  
the By-Laws  
to be read.

Company hath been done and practised: And may also at such Courts debate and determine all and every other lawful Act and Acts, thing and things, which shall at any time or times appear to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the greater Number of them there met together, fit and convenient, touching or concerning the State or Government of the said Society, or any thing relating thereunto: Which said Courts or Assemblies shall be called Courts of Assistants; and to which Courts or Assemblies to be held in manner aforesaid, the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, shall come in their Gowns and other decent Apparel; and the said Assistants shall not depart from thence without the leave of the Master, or one of the Wardens first had: And, that every person being a Member and Assistant of the said Society shall, upon summons by the Beadle or other person for that purpose appointed, repair to every such Court or Assembly to be holden by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them, at such hours and times as he or they shall be appointed; and shall not depart thence without the leave of the Master or one of the Wardens first had, upon pain, that every person so neglecting or disobeying, not having a sufficient Excuse to be allowed by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the major part of them, in a Court of Assistants, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence to the Master and Keepers, or Wardens and Commonalty of the City of London, the sum of one Shilling.

IT IS also ordained, That the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Society shall and may yearly and every year, from henceforth, hold and keep four Quarter-Courts or Assemblies (to wit) one in each Quarter, at such times and place, within the City of London aforesaid, or Liberties thereof, as the said Master or Wardens of the said Society shall appoint: To which said Courts or Assemblies, the said Master or Wardens may cause to be summoned by their Beadle, or other person appointed for that purpose, all the Members of the said Society, or so many of them as to the said Master or Wardens shall be thought fit; every of which Members, being so summoned, shall accordingly appear at every such Court: At all which times all the Orders and Ordinances of the said Society

Society, or so many of them as shall be held necessary, shall be then and there distinctly read and published before the Members of the said Society, who shall be there assembled, the better to acquaint them with the same; and that they may also be put in mind of keeping the same according to the Tenor of their Oaths taken at their Admittance into the Freedom of the said Society; and also that all Persons, who are concerned to obey the same, may be left wholly inexcusable for any disobedience thereunto. At which said Quarter-Courts or Assemblies, every Member of the said Society shall pay to the Rentier-warden of the said Society, [or such other Person to be by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the Major part of them, at any Court of Assistants appointed for that purpose, to demand and receive the same] his or their Quarterage-Money which shall be due and payable to the said Society by him or them according to the Rates or Proportions following, (viz.) The Master, each Warden, and every Assistant of the said Society, shall pay the sum of two shillings eight pence yearly, by eight pence a Quarter; every Person which is of the Liberty or Cloathing of the said Company, shall pay the sum of two shillings yearly, by six pence a Quarter; and every Person of the Freemanry of the said Society shall pay the sum of one shilling and four pence yearly, by four pence every Quarter for ever, towards the support and maintenance of the said Society. And every Person so refusing or delaying to pay the same quarterly upon Demand, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for every such Default, the several Rates following, (viz.) Every Assistant the sum of eight pence, besides his Quarterage; every Liberty-man six pence besides his Quarterage; and every one of the Freemanry four pence besides his Quarterage.

Then all to  
pay their  
Quarterage.

Defaulters to  
pay double  
Quarterage.

AND for the better avoiding of Disorders, Poise, and Confusion in all Courts of Assistants or Assemblies as aforesaid; It is ordained, that every Member of the said Court shall always keep silence at the command or desire of the Master or Wardens; and when any Matter or Thing shall be moved or debated in any Court of Assistants or Assembly as aforesaid, there shall but one Person speak at one time to the Master

Debates at  
the Table to  
be orderly.

All that speak  
to address to  
the Master,  
and to be  
bare-headed.

No offensive  
expression.

Penalty 1s.

All Elections  
to be by the  
Table; and  
the ancient  
Ways, Times  
and Methods  
to be ob-  
served.

Choice of a  
Master.

**Master in debate:** And all Debates, Propositions, and Discourses shall be addressed to the Master, or, in his Absence, to him who shall possess the Chair only; (which person to supply the Place of the Master, in his Absence, shall be chosen by the major part of the Members being of the Court of Assistants there present) that so the Opinion and Judgment of every Member may be heard and known: and also that every Person shall speak bare-headed; and that every Person except the Master, (or that Person who in his absence shall possess the Chair,) who shall at any time speak as aforesaid, shall address his Discourse to the Master, or him who shall in his Absence as aforesaid possess the Chair; And that all Debates be serious and without any Speeches or Expressions that may justly give Offence to the said Court or to any Person therein, upon pain to forfeit and pay, for every Offence against this Order to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London aforesaid, the sum of one Shilling.

**IT IS** likewise ordained, That the full and absolute power of Nomination and Election of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, Members of the Livery, and of all other Officers of the said Society, shall always be and remain as usually heretofore hath been, only in the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them, in a Court or Courts of Assistants assembled; In which Nomination and Choices they shall observe the ancient Ways, Time, and Method of Nomination and Election which have heretofore been observed and used in the said Society.

**AND IT IS** further ordained, That the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the major part of them, in a Court or Courts of Assistants assembled yearly and every year according to their ancient Usage, and at their usual time shall elect and chuse one discreet, honest, and able person, being a Member of the said Court of Assistants, to be Master of the said Society for one year then next following; which Person, so elected, shall forthwith accept the Office of Master of the said Society, and take the Oath hereafter in these Presents for that Purpose appointed, and shall bear the same Charges, and perform the same Duties as other Masters before him have

have heretofore usually done; and shall continue therein for one whole Year, and until a new Master of and for the said Company shall be elected and sworn. And if it shall happen that the said Master so to be elected shall die, or be removed before the end of his year, the Wardens or Assistants or the major part of them, may forthwith at a Court of Assistants to be by the said Wardens appointed, proceed to a new Election in manner and form aforesaid, according to the custom of the said Society, of some fit person being one of the said Court of Assistants, to serve in the office or place of Master of the said Society for the remainder of that time which the deceased or removed Master ought to have served. And if any person chosen in such manner as is by this Ordinance appointed, to be Master of the said Society, shall refuse to accept the said Office and take the said Oath (having no reasonable or just impediment that may hinder him so to do, and which shall be allowed to be so by the Court of Assistants of the said Society or the major part of them then present) then such person so refusing to take upon him the execution of the said Office, and to take the Oath aforesaid, shall for such his refusal pay forthwith to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Twenty pounds, unless upon his application to the Master, Wardens and Assistants or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants then present, they shall think fit to excuse him upon payment of a more moderate Fine, to be by them imposed, not under Ten pounds, to be paid to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery and Art of Stationers of the City of London. And the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court or Courts of Assistants assembled, shall forthwith upon such refusal elect in manner and form aforesaid one other fit person to be Master of the said Society instead of the person so refusing, and for such time as the person so refusing should have been Master if he had not refused: and until there shall be a new Master chosen who shall take upon him the execution of the said Office and take the said Oath, the same method for Election shall be observed, and Penalties incurred for refusal.

In case of his death, &c., a new Election.

Fine 20*l*.

Not under 10*l*.

ALSO it is Ordained, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them, shall according to their

Choice of an Upper-Wardden.



To pay his  
part of the  
Election Din-  
ner.

The Company  
to allow part  
of the Charge.  
In case of  
death, then to  
chuse an-  
other.

On Refusal to  
pay 24*l*.

For Refusal  
the second  
year 6*l*.

their ancient Usage at such Court of Assistants, to be held at the said usual Time, elect and chuse one of the Members of the said Society (being qualified as aforesaid) to be First or Upper-Warden of the said Society, for one whole Year from thence next ensuing; which Person so elected, shall forthwith accept of the said Office, and take the Oath hereafter in these Presents for that purpose appointed, and shall continue therein for one whole Year, and until some new, First, or Upper-Warden shall be elected and chosen in his Place, and shall bear an equal Part with his Under-Warden in the making of an Election-Dinner for the Master, Wardens and Assistants and Liberty, according to the ancient Custom of this Company, (this Company making to him and the Under-Warden the same Allowance which hath been usually made to other Wardens upon the same Occasion.) And in case of the Death, or Removal of such First or Upper-Warden, the Master, remaining Warden and Assistants, or the major Part of them, in a Court of Assistants, may forthwith proceed to a new Election in manner and form aforesaid, according to the Custom of the said Society, of some fit Person, being one of the said Court of Assistants, to serve in the Office or Place of First or Upper-Warden of the said Society for the remainder of that time which the deceased or removed First or Upper-Warden of the said Society ought to have served. And if any Person chosen as aforesaid to be First or Upper-Warden of the said Society, shall refuse to accept of the said Office, and take the Oath in manner aforesaid (having no just or reasonable Impediment or Excuse that may hinder him so to do, and which shall be allowed by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants) then such Person so elected and refusing to take upon him the Execution of the said Office, and to take the Oath aforesaid, shall for such his Refusal, forthwith pay to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London aforesaid, the sum of twenty-four Pounds, Except he served or fined for First or Upper-Warden the preceding Year, and then, for his Refusal in such Case, he shall forfeit and pay but six Pounds. But if any Person shall be chosen First or Upper-Warden as aforesaid, who never served First or Upper-Warden of the said Society before, shall make his Applications to the

the Court of Assistants, the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, if they think fit, may excuse him from serving in the said Office upon payment of a more moderate Fine, to be by them in a Court of Assistants imposed, not under twelve Pounds; and that then the Master, remaining Warden and Assistants, or the major part of them, in a Court of Assistants, shall forthwith upon such refusal elect in manner and form aforesaid, one other fit Person to be First or Upper-Warden of the said Society, instead of the Person so refusing, and for such time as he should have served First or Upper-Warden by such election, if he had not refused; and until there shall be a First or Upper-Warden chosen, who shall take upon him the Execution of the said Office, and take the said Oath, the same Method shall be observed, and Penalties incurred upon every such Refusal.

Moderated to  
12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . for the  
first year.

AND it is likewise Ordained, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them, according to their ancient usage at such Courts of Assistants to be holden at such usual time shall elect and choose one other Member of the said Society (being qualified as aforesaid) to be Second or Under-Warden of the said Society for one whole year from thence next ensuing; which person so elected shall forthwith accept the said Office, and take the Oath hereafter in these Presents for that purpose appointed, and shall continue therein for one whole year, and until some one Second or Under-Warden shall be elected and sworn in his place, and shall bear an equal part with his Upper-Warden in the making of an Election-Dinner for the Master, Wardens and Assistants and Liberty, according to the ancient custom of this Company; this Company making to him and his Upper-Warden the same allowance which hath been usually made to other Wardens upon the same occasion. (And in case of the death or removal of such Second or Under-Warden, the Master, remaining Warden and Assistants, or the major part of them, may forthwith proceed to a new Election in manner and form aforesaid, according to the custom of the said Society, of some fit person, being of the said Court of Assistants, to serve in the place or Office of Second or Under-Warden of the said Society, for the remainder of the time which the deceased or removed Second or Under-Warden ought to have served.) And if any person chosen

Choice of Under-Warden.

To pay  
equally with  
the Upper-  
Warden as to  
the Election-  
Dinner.

chosen as aforesaid, to be Second or Under-Warden of the said Society shall refuse to accept the said Office, and to take the Oath in manner aforesaid (having no reasonable or just impediment or excuse that may hinder him so to do, and which shall be so allowed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants) then such person so elected, and refusing to take upon him the execution of the said Office, and take the Oath aforesaid, shall for such his refusal forthwith pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Twenty pounds; But if such person that shall be so elected, hath served Second or Under-Warden the preceding year, then the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, if they think fit, may excuse him from the said Office, upon payment of some other smaller sum of money, so as it be not under Five pounds; and altho any person which shall be chosen Second or Under-Warden as aforesaid, hath not served Second or Under-Warden of the said Society before, yet if he shall make his application to the Court of Assistants, the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, if they shall think fit, may excuse him from serving in the said Office, upon payment of a smaller sum of money than the said Twenty pounds, so as it be not under Ten pounds: and that then the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall forthwith upon such refusal elect in manner and form aforesaid one other fit person to be Second or Under-Warden of the said Society, instead of the person so refusing, and for such time as he should have served Second or Under-Warden by such Election, if he had not refused: and untill there shall be a Second or Under-Warden chosen, who shall take upon him the execution of the said Office, and take the said Oath, the same method shall be observed, and Penalties incurred upon every such refusal.

On Refusal to  
pay 20*l*.

Moderated to  
5*l*. for the  
second year.

And 10*l*. for  
the first year.

AND it is further Ordained, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them, shall and may from time to time, and at any time or times hereafter, when they shall think fit, at a Court of Assistants,



Assistants, make choice of such and so many of the Members of the said Society (who have paid their Fines for not serving, or else have served according to the Custom of the said Society in the Office or Place of Renter-Warden of the said Society) as they or the major part of them shall think fit to be Assistants to the said Master and Wardens, and of common Council of the said Society; and that every person and persons so chosen as aforesaid, shall before he or they take upon him or them his Office or Place of an Assistant as aforesaid, or sit in any Court of Assistants of the said Society, take an Oath before the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them; which Oath is to be administered in a Court of the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them, according to the form for that purpose hereafter appointed. Every which said person or persons so chosen to be an Assistant as aforesaid, shall after his being sworn as aforesaid, pay to the Clerk of the said Society for Administring the Oath, and registering his Name, the usual Fee of Ten shillings, and to the Beadle of the said Society his usual Fee of Five shillings.

Choice of Assistants.

Fees for the same.

AND it is hereby likewise Ordained, That within some time convenient after the Election and Oath taken by the new Master and Wardens of the said Society as aforesaid, not exceeding two months, the last Master and Wardens, and every of them, shall give a true and just account in writing (unto such persons as shall be appointed by the then Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, Auditors for that purpose) of all Jewels, Plate, Money, Linnen, Charters, Deeds, Evidences, Obligations, Writings, Books, and Papers whatsoever, and of all other Goods and Chattels whatsoever belonging to the said Society, and which did at any time come to his or their hands, charge or custody; and shall likewise safely deliver them to the Master and Wardens then in being, together with his or their key or keys; and also all other things whatsoever belonging to the said Society, which are or were in his or their custody, and not accounted for, upon pain of Forfeiting to the use of the said Society for every Month that every such person or persons shall neglect to account as aforesaid, or detain any of the said premises

Master and Wardens to Accompt.

Penalty for  
not Accompt-  
ing 100*l*.

after the time limited hereby over and above the full value of the same (such person or persons having no just impediment for so doing, which shall be so allowed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants) the sum of one hundred pounds. And it is likewise Ordained, that the said Accompts with the Inventory, and such other things as shall be so delivered up, shall immediately after the Auditing and Allowance thereof be fairly entered by the Clerk of the said Society into a Book for that purpose provided, which Book shall be safely kept by him in his Office.

Three Locks  
to be to the  
Chests for  
Plate and  
Writings.

AND also it is further Ordained, That the common Seal of the said Society, together with the Plate, Jewels, Goods, Charters, Writings, Evidences, and all other things belonging to the said Society, shall remain and be in one or more Chest or Chests, which said Chest or Chests shall also stand in the Hall or such other place as the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants shall direct, and to which there shall be three several Locks and Keys, the custody of one of which said Keys shall be in the Master of the said Society for the time being, the custody of another shall be in the First or Upper-Warden for the time being, and the custody of the third shall be in the Second or Under-Warden for the time being, during their respective Offices, and until their Accompts shall be audited only. And it it shall happen the said Master or either of the said Wardens to be sick or travel out of the said City, or shall absent himself for Fourteen days, that then in such case every such Master and Warden respectively shall leave his or their Key or Keys with some other honest and able person or persons, bring one of the said Assistants, so that the said Companies affairs may not suffer prejudice by want thereof: Upon pain to forfeit for every such default to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London aforesaid, the sum of Five pounds.

If Master or  
Wardens go  
out of Town,  
to leave their  
Key with ano-  
ther, or for-  
feit 5*l*.

The Seal not  
to be used out  
of Court upon  
pain of 100*l*.  
and disfran-  
chisement.

ALSO it is further Ordained, That no Leases, Demises, Annuities, Grants, Gifts or Bargains and Sales of what nature or kind soever, of any House or Houses, Lands, Tenements, or other thing or things whatsoever appertaining to the said Society, nor any Obligations, Bills or Specialties whatsoever,

whatsoever, shall at any time be granted by or pass under the Common Seal of the said Society, unless the same be ordered so to be by the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, upon pain that the Master and each Warden which shall be Master or Warden at the time of such offence, offending contrary to this Ordinance, shall forthwith be disfranchised, and pay each of them for such their offence, to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London aforesaid over and above the damage which the said Society shall receive for such their offence, the sum of One hundred pounds a piece.

AND also it is Ordained, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them, in a Court of Assistants, when and as often as they shall think fit, may elect, choose and admit into the Liberty or Cloathing of the said Society, such person and persons, free of the said Society, as they shall think fit; and that after Election of any person into the Liberty or Cloathing aforesaid, the Master of the said Society shall cause the Beadle of the said Society to put upon him so elected a Liberty Cown, after the manner heretofore accustomed in the said Society; and then the said Master shall put upon his shoulder a party-coloured Hood made after the usual manner; after which the said Master and Wardens, each in their order, shall give to such person and persons his and their hands, saying these words, (Videl.) BROTHER, you are admitted to the Cloathing of this Company; or words to that effect; and that every person which shall be elected and chosen of the Liberty or Cloathing of the said Society, shall upon such his admission into the Liberty or Cloathing as aforesaid, according to the ancient usage of the said Society, pay to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Twenty pounds for a Fee or Income for such his or their admission as aforesaid, and to the Clerk of this Society his usual Fee of Ten shillings, and to the Beadle of this Society his usual Fee of Five shillings; and if any such person so elected into the Cloathing as aforesaid, shall refuse to accept thereof, having no reasonable cause, and to be so allowed by the Master, Wardens

Choice of Li-  
very-men.

Livery Fine  
and Fees.

Wardens

On Refusal to  
pay 40*l*.

dens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants; then he shall pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for such refusal, the sum of Forty pounds.

Livery-men  
to attend up-  
on all Sum-  
mons.

AND it is further Ordained, that all those who shall be of the Liberty or Cloathing of the said Society, shall from time to time, upon the Beadle's Summons for that purpose, meet at such place and time as shall be appointed by the Master and Wardens of the said Society; and also that every person being duly summoned as aforesaid, and shall make default, not having a reasonable excuse, or shall depart without the leave of the Master or Wardens, or one of them, shall for every such default pay to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of One Shilling.

Absentees to  
pay 1*s*.

Choice of a  
Renter-War-  
den.

AND also it is Ordained, That every year yearly in a Court of Assistants, to be holden as aforesaid, at the usual time, the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them present, may then elect and choose one honest, discreet and able man, being of the Liberty of the said Society, who shall bear the Title of Renter-Warden of the said Society for One year next ensuing, and till another shall be chosen and sworn in his place; and in case of the death or removal of any Renter-Warden, the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall forthwith proceed to a new Election of a Renter-Warden in manner and form aforesaid; which person so elected, shall forthwith accept the said Office, and take the Oath hereafter for that purpose in these Presents mentioned, and also shall diligently attend the Master and Wardens upon their Summons, and carefully collect and receive all Quarterages due from and payable by all and every or any of the Members of this Society, and also all the Rents due to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, upon all or any Lease or Leases whatsoever, already made or hereafter to be made by the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London; and

His Duty.

and shall also at the usual time, to wit, within one month after some other person shall be sworn into the said Office or such other longer time as shall be appointed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, render to the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or such other person as the Master, Wardens and Assistants shall appoint, a true, plain, perfect and just Accompt in writing, of all such moneys which he hath received, and disbursements which he hath made (during his time of being Renter-Warden) for the use of the said Society, and shall speedily make payment of what shall remain in his hands due upon such Accompt, and deliver his Books and all other Papers or things whatsoever, which may concern the said Society, to the Master and Wardens, or such other person or persons as the Master and Wardens shall appoint, upon pain that every person offending against this Ordinance, shall pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for every months time that he shall after request or summons in that behalf made, refuse or delay to make such Accompt, the sum of five pounds; and for every months time (after such Accompt stated) that the moneys which shall be due upon the foot of such Accompt to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, or any part thereof shall remain unpaid, the sum of five pounds (he having no reasonable Impediment or Excuse which shall be so allowed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, for his failure herein.)

Renter-Warden shall Accompt.

On refusal or delay, to pay 5*l.*, and 5*l.* a month afterwards.

AND further it is likewise Ordained, That after the Election of the Renter-Warden by the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, as aforesaid, if the person so elected shall refuse to accept the said Office, and take the said Oath in manner aforesaid, having no reasonable or just impediment or excuse that may hinder him so to do, and which shall be allowed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, then such person so elected, and refusing to take upon him the execution of the said Office, shall for such his refusal forthwith pay to the Master and

The Renter-Warden refusing to hold, shall pay 50*l.*



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The Renter-  
Warden to  
make a Din-  
ner.

Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Fifty pounds. But if any person which shall be chosen Renter-Warden as aforesaid, shall make his application to the Court of Assistants, the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, if they think fit, may excuse him upon payment of a smaller sum of money, so as it be not under the sum of Twenty four pounds. And also it is likewise Ordained, That every person who shall hereafter serve in the said Place or Office of Renter-Warden to the said Society, according to the ancient usage of the said Society, shall every year upon the day that the Lord Mayor of London shall be presented and sworn at Westminster (in the common Hall of the said Society, or at such other place as the Master and Wardens shall appoint) at his cost and charges find and provide one competent and sufficient Dinner for the Master, Wardens and Assistants, and all the Members of the Libery of the said Society. And if default shall be made hercof, that then every such person shall forfeit and pay for such his default to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Fifty pounds.

Choice of an  
Assistant  
Renter-War-  
den.

AND it is likewise Ordained, That after the Election of any person to be Renter-Warden as aforesaid, and his accepting of the said Office, and taking of the said Oath, then the Master and Wardens of the said Society, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall forthwith proceed to the Election of an Assistant Renter-Warden, who is to be Assistant upon all necessary occasions to the present Renter-Warden, which said Assistant Renter-Warden the next year following, (or sooner, if the present Renter-Warden should happen to dye or be removed) at the usual time, according to the ancient Usage of the said Society, shall be elected for the succeeding year, if the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall think fit.

Choice of a  
Clerk.

AND also it is likewise Ordained, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall and may when and as often as need shall require, elect and chuse one fit person to be

he Clerk of the said Society, for the entering and registering of all Decrees, Ordinances, Acts, Agreements, Orders and Things whatsoever, made or to be made in their Courts or Assemblies aforesaid, and to do all other things pertinent to the said Office; which said Person so elected, shall forthwith take the Oath for that purpose herein after appointed: And also the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, may upon just and reasonable cause remove and displace such Clerk from his said Office, and in form aforesaid elect another fit person for the execution thereof.

His Duty.

AND also it is further Ordained, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall and may, when and as often as need shall require, elect and chuse one fit person to be Beadle to the said Society, who shall take the Oath hereafter in these Presents for that purpose appointed, and shall at all times be attendant upon the said Master, Wardens and Assistants in Court, and Master and Wardens out of Court, when he shall be thereunto required or commanded by them; and shall also when he shall be thereunto required by the Master or Wardens of the said Society (and not otherwise) diligently summon and warn every one of the Assistants of the said Society, and others, if he shall be so directed, to attend the said Master and Wardens at Courts or other Meetings which shall be appointed by the said Master or Wardens; and also the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in Court, shall and may upon just and reasonable cause to them appearing, remove and displace such Beadle from his said Office; and in form aforesaid elect one other fit person for the execution thereof.

Choice of a Beadle.

His Duty.

AND it is hereby further Ordained, That the said Master and Wardens, or the major part of them in Court, shall and may yearly according to the custom of the said Society, elect and chuse such and so many persons of the said Society as they shall think fit to attend the said Master, Wardens, Assistants and Libers, as Whiffers or Ushers in any Services to which they shall be appointed, at such times and in such manner as shall be appointed by the said Master or Wardens,

Choice of Ushers or Whiffers.

upon

Defaulters to  
pay 10s.

upon pain that every person neglecting or refusing to attend as aforesaid, shall pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Ten shillings.

All Members  
shall contribute to all necessary charges.

AND also it is hereby further Ordained, That every person whatsoever that now is or hereafter shall be a Member of the said Society, shall at all times from henceforth contribute his proportion in common with others of the said Society, as is usual in other Companies in London, of all charges, sum and sums of money and Taxes whatsoever, which shall be at any time charged upon the said Company, or shall be expended or necessary to be expended for the welfare and good estate of the said Company; which proportionable part shall be assessed and imposed upon him by the said Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in Court, who are hereby impowered to make such Assessments; and that every person who shall refuse or delay to pay his proportionable share of money to be assessed as aforesaid, shall pay to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, such reasonable Fine not exceeding five pounds, over and above so much money which shall be assessed as aforesaid for any of the uses aforesaid, as the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in Court shall think fit.

None shall  
speak ill of  
the Court or  
any Member  
thereof.

AND also it is likewise Ordained, That none of the Members of the said Society shall at any time hereafter revile, abuse or defame in words or otherwise, the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or any of them, or any other Member of the same Society, but shall at all times well demean themselves, and be of good behaviour and civil conversation both in word and deeds. And it is further Ordained, That if any person of the Court of Assistants or common Council of this Society, shall infringe this Ordinance, or any part thereof, he shall be liable to be expelled and put out of his place as an Assistant, or one of the common Council of the said Society; and after such expulsion shall not be capable of being chosen again, until he or they shall pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Society, such Fine, not exceeding

An Assistant  
shall be expelled for so doing, and not restored under 5*l*.



exceeding five pounds, as the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall impose upon him or them for such his or their offence; and also upon pain that every other Member of the said Society offending against this Ordinance, shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, such Fine not exceeding Twenty shillings as the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall impose upon him or them for such his or their offence.

Other Members shall pay 20s. Fine.

AND also it is further Ordained, That if any person being a Member of this Society, being of the Court of Assistants, or a Liberty-man of the said Society, when commanded by the Master and Wardens to attend in his Cown and Hood, shall at any time render himself disobedient to the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or any of them, or shall hold any private meeting, or give counsel to or confederate with any person or persons, to resist or oppose the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or any of them, in their lawful Government, or shall do any act or thing which may in any wise prejudice the said Society, or may tend to the breach of any of the aforesaid lawful Constitutions and Ordinances, Then every person so offending, for such his offence against any part of this Ordinance, shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, such Fine, not exceeding five pounds, as the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall impose upon him or them for such his or their offence.

Disobedient Persons to be fined 5*l*.

ALSO it is Ordained, That if the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society, or any of them, or any other Member of the said Society, shall at any time hereafter, reveal, disclose or make known any of the lawful Secrets, Conferences or Consultations of the said Society, tending to the discredit, damage or prejudice of the said Society, or any of the Governours, Officers or Members thereof, That then such person so offending, be he Master, Warden or one of the Assistants,

Master or Wardens disclosing the Secrets of the Company to be expelled, and fined 5*l*.

Other Mem-  
bers to pay  
40s.

Assistants, shall be excluded from the Court of Assistants or common Council of the said Society, until he hath paid such Fine, not exceeding the sum of Five pounds, as the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in Court, shall impose upon him or them for such his or their offence. And every other Member so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, such Fines not exceeding Forty shillings, as the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall impose upon him or them.

Any Member  
going to Law  
for matters of  
trade before  
application to  
the Table,  
shall pay 10l.

AND be it further Ordained, That when any difference or differences shall hereafter arise between any Member and Members of this Company for any Copy-Right, or any thing relating to Printing, Book-selling or Book-binding, That then before any Action or Suit be commenced, they shall first make their application to the Master, Wardens and Assistants in a Court of Assistants, and give them true information of the ground and occasion of such difference or controverſie; which said Master, Wardens and Assistants, in a Court of Assistants, are hereby authorized to hear all Parties concerned, and to use their utmost endeavours to compose such difference and differences, without the trouble and charge of going to Law; upon pain that every Member that shall for any of the Causes aforesaid commence any Suit or Suits, without application made as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Ten pounds.

Against  
erecting a  
Printing-  
Press, &c.  
without first  
acquainting  
the Master  
and Wardens.

AND whereas since the making of the late Act of Parliament made in his now Majesties Reign, intit. An Act for preventing the frequent abuses in Printing Seditious, Treasonable and Unlicensed Books and Pamphlets, and for regulating of Printing and Printing-presses, several Members of the said Society have erected Presses contrary to the said Act, and therewithal have printed several seditious, treasonable, schismatical, scandalous and unlicensed Books and Pamphlets, to the great scandal of the said Company, and the Govern-  
ment

ment thereof: For the future prevention whereof, it is hereby Ordained, That no Member of this Company shall hereafter erect or cause to be erected, any Press or Presses for Printing, or any Printing-house or Printing-houses; nor shall knowingly demise or lett, or suffer to be held or used any House, Vault or Cellar, or other Room whatsoever, for a Printing-house or place to Print in, unless he or they who erect such Press or Presses, Printing-house or Printing-houses, or shall so knowingly demise or lett such Houses, Cellar, Vault or Room, or suffer the same to be used, shall first give notice to the Master and Wardens of the said Society, or one of them, of the erecting such Press or Presses, Printing-house or Printing-houses, or of such Demise, or suffering to work or print, upon pain of forfeiting the sum of Ten pounds for every Offence to be committed contrary to any of the Clauses of this Ordinance, and Forty shillings a day during every day that the same shall continue, to be paid to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, to the use of the Poor of the said Company.

Penalty 10l.  
and 40s. per  
diem.

AND also it is further Ordained, That no Member or Members of the said Society, shall at any time from henceforth erect, or cause or procure or suffer to be erected any private Press or Presses, commonly called A Press in a hole, nor shall countenance, assist or contribute towards the erecting or setting up of any such private Press or Presses, or shall knowingly accommodate, furnish, or supply any such private Press or Presses, with Paper or any other materials for printing, or contribute towards the same, or pay or contribute towards the payment of any Wages, Salary or Hire, to any person or persons, for the working at any private Press or Presses, or towards the payment of any Rent or Reward for any House or place where such private Press or Presses shall be erected and set up, or connive at or conceal any such Press or Presses, House or Houses, place or places, or the name or names of any such person or persons that shall erect or cause to be erected, or contribute towards the erecting, furnishing, supplying, working at, or preparing work for any such private Press or Presses, or shall willingly and knowingly buy, barter,

Against a  
Press in a  
hole.

Prohibition to  
all Parties,  
Abettors, and  
Assistants.

or

Buyers of unlawful or pirated Books to be disfranchised, and fined 50*l*.

The Discoverer of a private Press to receive a Reward of 5*l*.

Offenders in Printing, &c. not to be employed in 3 months, or pay 10*s*. per month.

Penalty 10*s*. a Month.

or contract for any Impression or part of any Impression, of any Book or Books, or part of Book, Pamphlet or Paper; or knowingly bind, stich, put together for sale, publish, dispose, or disperse any Book, Pamphlet or Paper, which shall be Imprinted at any such private Press or Presses, upon pain that every Member in any of the said cases offending, shall be liable to be disfranchised for such offence, or to pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, such reasonable Fine, not exceeding Fifty pounds, as the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Company, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, shall impose upon him for such his offence. And for the better discovery of all such private Printing-Presses, commonly called Presses in Holes, it is further Ordained, That every person and persons that shall discover any such private Printing-Press to the Master and Wardens of the said Society, or either of them, shall have the sum of Five pounds, or what more the Master or Wardens shall think fit, as a Reward for such his Service, to be paid to him out of the common Stock of the said Society, by the said Master or Wardens, or one of them, and shall be allowed in their or any of their Accompts.

AND it is likewise further Ordained, That no Member or Members of the said Society, shall employ either to work at the Case or Press, or otherwise about his printing, any Journeyman-Printer, Freeman or Foreigner, or other person whatsoever, that shall have offended in any of the cases mentioned in the two last before-mentioned Ordinances, for the space of Three months next after due proof thereof made, either by Confession or otherwise, to the Court of Assistants of the said Society, and notice thereof given to the several Master-Printers of the said Society, without Licence from the Master or Wardens of the said Society first had and obtained; Upon pain that every Member so offending after notice given as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Ten shillings for every month that he or they shall employ such Offender or Offenders as aforesaid.

AND

AND it is likewise further Ordained, That no Member or Members of the said Society, shall knowingly permit or suffer his Apprentice or Apprentices, or Covenant-Servants, at any time to work at any Press or Presses, any matter or thing whatsoever prohibited by the said Act of Parliament, and the before-mentioned two Ordinances: and that if any such Master-Printer shall at any time discover or know that any of his Apprentices or Covenant-Servants shall offend in any of the said Cases, That then such Master-Printer shall cause such Apprentice or Apprentices, or Covenant-Servants, forthwith to be brought to the Chamberlain of the City of London for the time being, and make complaint of all such his and their Offences, to the end that such Offender and Offenders may be punished according to the ancient Custom of the said City, Upon pain that every Master-Printer not effectually putting in execution this Ordinance, or faintly prosecuting the same, shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Forty shillings.

No Member shall suffer an Apprentice to work at unlawful Work or Presses.

Penalty 40s.

AND it is also Ordained, That no Master-Printer, or other Printer or Workman, being a Member of this Society, shall teach, direct or instruct any person or persons whatsoever, other than his or their own Legitimate Son or Sons, in this Art or Mystery of Printing, who is not actually bound as an Apprentice to some lawful authorised Printer; Upon pain that every person so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Five pounds.

If a Printer teach his Art to any but to a Son or Apprentice, he shall forfeit 5*l*.

AND also it is hereby further Ordained, That no Member or Members of the said Society, shall hereafter erect or set up, or cause to be erected or set up, or countenance, or contribute to the erecting or setting up of any Printing-Press or Presses, for any new Printing-house or houses, or shall supply or furnish the same with any Materials for Printing, until the now legal Master-Printers and their Printing-houses be

None to set up a Printing-house till the Number be reduced, on Penalty of 50*l*.



reduced according to the direction of the aforesaid late Act of Parliament, upon pain of forfeiting the sum of Fifty pounds for every such offence, and Twenty pounds a month for every month that the same shall continue, to be paid to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London.

No Printer who shall work at private or pirated work shall be a Pensioner.

AND it is also hereby further Ordained, That if any Journey-man Printer, or other person, being a Member of the said Society, shall work at any private illegal Press, and not discover the same within two days after such working as aforesaid, to the Master and Wardens of the said Society, or any of them; or shall knowingly work at or upon the printing of any seditious or scandalous Book, Pamphlet or Paper, or any other Book or Books, or part of any Book or Books imprinted wrongfully and without leave or assignment of the lawful Owner, the sole printing whereof lawfully belonging to the said Society, or to any other person or persons; or shall knowingly bind, stitch, or sew together any such Book or Books, That then such Journey-man Printer, or other person as aforesaid, their or any of their Widows, shall not in any wise be admitted a Pensioner to the said Society.

Law-Books to be printed by none but the Patentees.

AND it is hereby further Ordained, That no person whatsoever, being a Member of this Company (except his Majesties Printers, or their Assigns, who pretend an interest in the Statutes and Abridgment of Statutes by Grant from the King) shall at any time or times hereafter, print or cause to be printed the Statute-Books or common Law-Books herein after named; That is to say, Poultons Statutes, Coke upon Littleton, Cokes Entries or Reports, or any other Law-Books whatsoever, whereunto Edward Atkins Esq; or his Assigns, now are or hereafter may be intituled, by vertue of Letters Patents to him granted, upon pain that every Member of this Company (except the Kings Printers and their Assigns aforesaid) offending in the premises, shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for every Impression of the said Books before particularly named,

Penalty 200l.

named, or of any other Law-Books granted in the said Patent to the said Edward Atkins, printed contrary to the meaning of this Order, the sum of Two hundred pounds of lawful money of England, in Trust for the said Edward Atkins.

The **By-Law** to be Read at the Administring of the Free-mans Oath, and a printed Copy thereof to be delivered to every Member of the said Company dealing in the *Stationers Trade*.

**I**T is hereby Ordained, That no Member or Members of this Company shall hereafter knowingly Imprint or cause to be Imprinted any Book, Pamphlet, Portraiture, Picture or Paper whereunto the Law requires a Licence, without such Licence as by the Law is directed for the Imprinting of the same.

Against  
Printing  
without Li-  
cence.

**A**ND in case any Member as aforesaid shall henceforth know of the Imprinting, Binding, Scitching, Publishing or Dispersing of any such Book, Pamphlet, Portraiture, Picture or Paper as aforesaid, such Member or Members as aforesaid, shall from time to time disclose the same unto the Master or Wardens of the said Company within three days after the knowledge of such Offence committed, together with the Name or Names of such person or persons so offending; Which said Master or Wardens upon such Information given, shall cause the same to be entred in a Book hereafter mentioned, within six days after such Information received, upon pain that every person offending in either or any of these Cases, and having a part in the English Stock of this Company, the profits of such part of his Stock for one year shall be sequestred, and paid into the Hands of the Master and Keepers, or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystry or Art of Stationers of the City of London, to the use of the Poor of the said Corporation: Unless the Master, Wardens and Assistants, with the Consent of Roger L'Estrange Esq; or such persons as hereafter shall have the like power concerning the

Members not  
discovering  
all illegal  
work shall  
have their  
Dividends  
sequestred.

the Press committed to them, as he now hath, upon hearing of the matter, shall according to the nature of the Offence think fit to mitigate the same.

Others not  
discovering  
shall pay 10*l*.

AND if any person or persons having no part in the English Stock of this Company, shall offend in either or any of the Cases abovesaid, Then such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, to the use of the Poor of the said Corporation, the sum of ten pounds; Unless the Master, Wardens and Assistants, with the Consent of the said Roger L'Estrange Esq; or of such persons as shall succeed him in his Authority and Power as aforesaid, upon hearing of the matter, shall according to the nature of the Offence think fit to mitigate the same.

Pensioners  
offending  
shall lose  
their Pen-  
sion; and  
Debtors of-  
fending their  
money shall  
be called in.

AND, if any person having and receiving a Pension from this Company, or that hath or shall have any of the Companies Money in his or their hands upon Loan, shall offend in either or any of the cases abovesaid, Then such Pension shall be taken away from such Pensioner, and all such Money which such person or persons as aforesaid, doth or shall owe to this Company, shall as soon as the same shall become due, be forthwith called in, and in default of payment, a speedy course at Law shall be taken by this Company for the Recovery thereof.

Printers of-  
fending shall  
have no  
Stock-work  
for one year  
at least.

AND, if any Printer shall offend herein, such Printer shall not for one year next following such Offence, nor after one year expired, without the consent of the Master, Wardens and Assistants, be employed in the doing of any work for or belonging to the English Stock of this Company.

Two Books to  
be kept, one  
for Informa-  
tions and the  
other for Dis-  
coveries.

AND be it further Ordained, That for the future shall be kept by the Clerk of this Company, two Books; In one of which shall be fairly written such Informations given to the Master or Wardens as aforesaid; and in the other shall be fairly written, what Seditious, Scandalous, Treasonable and Unlicensed Books and Pamphlets shall be seiz'd, and Discoveries thereof made, together with the number of them, and the



the persons from whom they were seiz'd: which Books shall be shew'd to Roger L'Estrange Esq; when he shall think fit.

### *The Master's Oath.*

**Y**OU shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majesty that now is, and to his Heirs and Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm: And that you shall as Master well and truly Order and Govern all the Fellowship of this Mystery and Company of *Stationers*, whereof you are chosen Master for this present year, according to your best skill and judgment: And the good Rules and Ordinances of this Company you shall keep, and see to be kept to the best of your power.

*So help you God.*

### *The Warden's Oath.*

**Y**OU shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majesty that now is, and to his Heirs and Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm: And that you shall as Wardens well and truly Order and Govern all the Fellowship of the Mystery and Company of *Stationers*, whereof you are now chosen Wardens for this present Year, according to the best of your skill and knowledge: And the good Rules and Ordinances of this Company you shall keep, and see to be kept according to the best of your power.

*So help you God.*

### *The Freemen's Oath.*

**Y**OU shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majesty that now is, and to his Heirs and Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm, and to be obedient to the Master and Wardens of this Company in all lawful manner: You shall also keep secret all the lawful Counsel of this Fellowship: And all manner of lawful Rules and Ordinances for the good Ordering of the said Fellowship ye shall to the best of your skill observe and keep, and to your power

ye shall be well willing, helping and furthering to the good Governance and Wealth of the same Fellowship, and shall not be party or privy in any Counsel or Device that may be to the hurt or hinderance of the same Company, or to the overthrowing and breaking of the good Laws and Ordinances of the same: But all such Practices, Counsels and Devices you shall disclose to the said Master and Wardens of the Company, and them labour to hinder and break, so much as in you lieth.

*So help you God.*

### *The Clerk's Oath.*

**Y**OU shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majesty that now is, and to his Heirs and Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm: You shall be Obedient in all lawful manner to the Master and Wardens of this Fellowship: And you shall make true Entries of all such things as you shall be commanded by the Master, Wardens and Assistants for the time being, and faithfully keep all the Books and Records: And in all other things you shall well and truly demean yourself as Clerk of this Company, and the same to execute according to the best of your skill and knowledge.

*So help you God.*

### *The Beadle's Oath.*

**Y**OU shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majesty that now is, and to his Heirs and Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm: You shall be in all lawful manner obedient to the Master and Wardens of this Company; and all persons of the said Company when you are commanded you shall in due time lawfully summon and warn to the Assemblies of the same: All the lawful Counsel also and Secrets of this Company you shall well and truly keep: And all other lawful things appertaining to your Office you shall well and faithfully do.

*So help you God.*

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*The Oath of an Assistant.*

**Y**OU shall swear to be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majesty that now is, and to his Heirs and Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm: And that you shall according to your best skill and judgment, with your advice or otherwise, well and truly assist the Master and Wardens of this Company, when there shall be occasion: And the good Rules and Ordinances of this Company you shall keep, and see to be kept to the best of your power.

*So help you God.*

All which Orders, Rules, Ordinances and Oaths, in manner and form aforesaid made, ~~We~~ the said Lord Chancellor of *England*, and Lord Chief Justices of either Bench, have seen, perused and examined, and in order to the preventing and avoiding of the Penalty inflicted by the aforesaid Statute upon the execution of Ordinances not approved, as by the said Act is directed, (and as far forth as by Law we may) we do approve, ratifie and confirm. *In Witness* whereof, to these Presents, We the said Lord Chancellor of *England*, and Lord Chief Justices of either Benches, have hereunto subscribed our Names, and set our Seals, the Second day of *February*, in the thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *Charles* the Second, by the Grace of God King of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Dom.* 1677.

*H. Finch, C.*

*Ri. Rainsford.*

*Fra. North.*

THE  
ORDERS, RULES,  
AND  
ORDINANCES,

Ordained, Devised, and Made

By the Master and Keepers or Wardens  
and Commonalty of the Mystery and Art of *STATIONERS* of the City of *London*, for the well-governing of that Society.

**T***D all to whom these Presents shall come, We the Right Honorable Heneage Earl of Nottingham, Lord High Chancellor of England, Sir Francis Pemberton Kt, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Kings Bench at Westminster, and Sir Francis North Knight, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, send Greeting. Whereas in a Statute made in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the Nineteenth year of the Reign of the late King of famous Memory, Henry the Seventh, for the Weal and Profit of his Subjects, It was (among other things) Ordained, Established and Enacted, That no Master, Wardens and Fellowships of Crafts or Mysteries, or any of them, or any Rulers of Guilds and Fraternities, should take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances, nor to execute any Acts or Ordinances then aforemade, in Disinheritance or Diminution of the Prerogative of the King, nor of any other, nor against the common Profit of the People, Except the same Acts or Ordinances be examined and approved by the Chancellor or Treasurer of England, or Chief Justices of either Benches,*  
or

or three of them, or before both the Justices of Assize in their Circuit or Progress in the Shire where such Acts or Ordinances be made, upon pain of forfeiture of Forty pounds for every time that they do contrary, (as by the said Statute more plainly doth, and may appear.) *Now know ye, That the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, willing and desiring that the said Act of Parliament be in all things duly observed and kept, the Seventh day of October, in the Three and thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Dom. One thousand six hundred eighty one, for the better regulating and ordering of the Corporation of Master, and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, and for the preventing of Abuses and Misdemeanours, in and about Printing, Have presented unto us these under-written Ordinances by them ordained, devised, and made for the well-governing of their Corporation and Society, and every Member thereof, and have made their humble Suit and Request to have them (together with Ordinances at the same time presented) likewise settled and established; and that the same Ordinances hereafter mentioned, and by them to us exhibited, would examine, correct and amend, and so approve them in due manner and form, as by the said Act of Parliament of the Nineteenth Year of King Henry the Seventh, is required. We therefore well considering and approving the said Supplication to be good and reasonable, according to their desire, and by the authority of the said Act of Parliament to us given, the same Ordinances under-written, so to us exhibited, have seen, read and examined; the Tenor whereof hereafter followeth in these words. (Viz.)*

At an Assembly of the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, held at their Common Hall in the Parish of *St. Martin Ludgate*, in the Ward of *Farringdon within London*, on *Wednesday* the seventeenth day of *August*, *Anno Dom.* One thousand six hundred eighty and one, for the well-governing of the Members of this Company, the several Laws and Ordinances hereafter mentioned, were then made, enacted, and ordained by the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, in manner and form following, *viz.*

## I.

No Member of the Company shall print or publish anything without his Name to it.

**I**T is Ordained, That no Member of this Company shall hereafter print, publish, sell, bind, stich, or expose to sale, or cause to be printed, published, sold, bound, sticht, or exposed to sale, any Book, or Pamphlet, Portraiture, Picture, or Paper, unless such Printer or Printers as shall print the same, do thereunto print his or their Name or Names, or the Name or Names of some Bookseller or Booksellers keeping a Shop in the City of London, or the Suburbs thereof, who shall put the same to printing, upon pain of forfeiting to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Twenty pounds.

Penalty 20*l.*

## II.

**A**ND also it is Ordained, That every year yearly in a Court of Assistants, to be holden for this Company at the usual time, the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them then present, may elect and chuse two honest, discreet and able men, being of the Liberty of this Society, who shall bear the title of Renter-Wardens of this Society for one year next ensuing, and till others shall be chosen in their place. And in case of the death or removal of any Renter-Warden, the Master, Wardens and Assistants shall forthwith proceed to a new Election of another Renter-Warden in

The Society to chuse annually two Renter-Wardens.

Upon the death or removal of either of



in manner and form aforesaid. Which person so elected, shall forthwith accept the said Office, and also shall diligently attend the Master and Wardens upon their Summons, and carefully collect and receive all Quarterage due from, and payable to this Company, by all and every, or any of the Members of this Company: And shall also at the usual times (to wit) within one month after some other persons shall be admitted into the said Office, or such other longer time as shall be appointed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, render to the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or such other person as the Master, Wardens and Assistants shall appoint, a true, plain, perfect and just Accompt in writing, of all such money, which they or either of them have received, and Disbursements which they, or either of them made, during their time of being Renter-Warden, for the use of this Company; and shall speedily make payment of what shall remain in their or either of their hands, due upon such Accompt, and deliver the Books and all other Papers and things whatsoever, which may concern this Company, to the Master and Wardens, or to such other person or persons as the Master and Wardens shall appoint; upon pain, That every person offending against this Ordinance, shall pay to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for every such months time, that he shall after Request and Summons in that behalf made, refuse or delay to make such Accompt, the sum of Five pounds; and for every months time after such Accompt stated, That the moneys which shall be due upon the foot of such Accompt, to the said Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, or any part thereof shall remain unpaid, the sum of Five pounds; he having no reasonable Impediment or Excuse, which shall be so allowed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them, in a Court of Assistants, for his failure therein.

them, the Society proceed to a new Election.

An Accompt to be given by them of their Receipts and Disbursements.

The Penalty for refusing to Accompt.

### III.

AND further it is Ordained, That after the Election of the Renter-Wardens, by the Master, Wardens and Assistants,

Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants as aforesaid, if either of the persons so elected, shall refuse to accept the said Office, having no reasonable or just Impediment or Excuse that may hinder him so to do, and which shall be allowed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants of this Company, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, then such person so elected, and refusing to take upon him the execution of the said Office, shall, for such his refusal, forthwith pay to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Forty pounds. But if any person which shall be chosen Renter-Warden, as aforesaid, shall make his application to the Court of Assistants, the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants, if they think fit, may excuse him for a smaller sum of money, so as it be not under the sum of Twenty four pounds.

Penalty for refusing to execute the Office of Renter-Warden, 40l.

Moderated to 24l.

## IV.

ALSO it is Ordained, That the said two Renter-Wardens shall, according to the usage of this Company, every year upon the day that the Lord Mayor of London shall be sworn at Westminster, in the Common Hall of this Company, or at such other place as the Master and Wardens shall appoint, at the Costs and Charges of the said Renter-Wardens, find and provide a competent and sufficient Dinner for the Master, Wardens and Assistants, and all the Members of the Liberty of the said Society. And if Default shall be made thereof, That then every such person that shall make Default therein, shall forfeit and pay for such Default to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Forty pounds of Lawful Money of England.

A Dinner annually to be provided by the Renter-Wardens for the Master, &c.

Penalty 40l.

## V.

AND whereas several Members of this Company have great part of their Estates in Copies; and by ancient Usage of this Company, when any Book or Copy is duly Entered in the Register-Book of this Company, to any Member or Members of this Company, such person to whom such Entry is

Entrance of Copies.



is made, is, and always hath been reputed and taken to be Proprietor of such Book or Copp, and ought to have the sole Printing thereof; which Priviledge and Interest is now of late often violated and abused:

IT is therefore Ordained, That where any Entry or Entries, is, or are, or hereafter shall be duly made of any Book or Copp in the said Register-Book of this Company, by, or for any Member or Members of this Company; That in such case, if any other Member or Members of this Company shall then after, without the Licence or Consent of such Member or Members of this Company, for whom such Entry is duly made in the Register-Book of this Company, or his or their Assignee or Assigns, Print, or cause to be Printed, Import or cause to be Imported from beyond the Seas, or elsewhere, any such Copp or Copies, Book or Books, or any part of any such Copp or Copies, Book or Books, or shall sell, bind, stich, or expose the same, or any part or parts thereof to sale, That then such Member or Members so offending, shall forfeit to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Twelve pence for every such Copp or Copies, Book or Books, or any part of such Copp or Copies, Book or Books Imprinted, Imported, Sold, Bound, Stricht, and exposed to sale contrary hereunto.

The Penalty of any Member that prints or publishes anothers Copy.

## VI.

AND also it is Ordained, That the Master and Wardens of this Company, or any one of them, shall and may at any convenient time, with such Assistance as they shall think fit, enter into the Printing-house, Warehouse, or Place, or Printing-houses, or Warehouses, or Places of any of the Members of this Company; and also into the Shops and Warehouses of any Stationer, Bookseller or Bookbinder, being a Member of this Company, to see what is there Imprinting and Imprinted, Binding or Stritching. And in case any Member or Members of this Company shall refuse to open his or their door or doors, and to shew the said Master and Wardens, or either of them so entering, upon his or their Request, his or

The Master and Wardens may enter any Printing-house, &c. to search.

The Penalty  
for refusing  
Admittance.

their Printing-house and Place of Printing, Shop, or Warehouse, or Work-house, and what he hath in his House Printed by him, and is there Printing, BOUND, Scitcheing or Binding; That then such Member and Members shall forfeit to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for such his and their Refusal, the sum of Ten pounds.

## VII.

The Penalty  
of a Member  
that shall  
print or im-  
port from  
beyond Sea,  
during the  
term of his  
Majesties  
Letters  
Patents, any  
Book or  
Books, or any  
part of them,  
without con-  
sent of the  
Master, &c.

WHEREAS His most excellent Majesty, King Charles the Second that now is, by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, bearing date the eleventh day of October, in the eighteenth year of his Reign, did grant unto the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, and their Successors, Licence, Authority and Privilege only to print, utter and sell the several Books therein to them particularly mentioned, for a term of years yet in being; It is therefore Ordained, That if any Member or Members of this Company shall hereafter, during the continuance of the term in the foresaid Letters Patents granted without the Licence or Consent of the said Master and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, Imprint, or cause to be Imprinted, or Import, or bring in, or cause to be Imported, or brought into this Kingdom of England from any parts beyond the Seas, or elsewhere; or bind, sell, scitche, or put to sale any such Book or Books, or part of any such Book or Books so imprinted, imported, bound, scitche, or put to sale contrary hereunto, That then such Member and Members of this Company shall forfeit and pay to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for every such Book or part of Book so imprinted, imported, bound, scitche, or sold contrary hereunto, the sum of Twelve pence.

## VIII.

AND it is further Ordained, That where the sole printing of any Coppy or Copies, Book or Books, is already granted

granted to any Member or Members of this Company, by any Letters Patents of his now Majesty, or any of his Royal Predecessors, Kings or Queens of this Realm, or where the printing of any Copy or Copies, Book or Books, is by any Letters Patents granted to any person or persons, not being a Member or Members of this Company, to his and their own use; or when the printing of any Copy or Copies, Book or Books, hereafter shall be granted by his now Majesty, or any of his Royal Successors, to any Member or Members of this Company, to his and their own use; or such Letters Patents shall be duly and legally assigned to any Member or Members of this Company, to his and their own use; Then if any other Member or Members of this Company shall without the Licence or Consent of such Owner or Owners, or the Executors, or Administrators of such Owner or Owners (being a Member or Members of this Company) of such Copy or Copies, Book or Books, or part of such Copy or Copies, Book or Books, print or cause to be imprinted, or import, or bring in, or cause to be imported, or brought into this Kingdom of England from any parts beyond the Seas, or elsewhere, or bind, sell, fitch, or put to sale any such Copy or Copies, Book or Books, or part of any such Copy or Copies, Book or Books so imprinted, imported, bound, fitcht, or sold contrary hereunto, Then such Member or Members so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for such his or their Offence, the sum of Twelve pence for every such Book, and part of Book so imprinted, imported, bound, fitcht, or sold contrary hereunto.

Owners of  
Copies by his  
Majesties  
Letters  
Patents.

The Penalty  
for a Member  
of the Com-  
pany to print  
or cause to be  
imported  
from beyond  
Sea, such  
Owners Co-  
pies.

## IX.

AND it is Ordained, That the Master, Wardens and Assistants of this Company, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants to be held according to the Usage of this Company, when, and as often as they shall think fit, may elect and admit such Member and Members of this Company into the Livery or Cloathing of this Company, as they shall think fit; Which person so to be elected and chosen, shall, upon such his Admission into the Livery or Cloathing as aforesaid,

The Master  
&c. have  
power to ad-  
mit such  
Member or  
Members as

pay

they shall  
think fit, into  
the Livery.

The Penalty  
for refusing to  
accept thereof  
without a rea-  
sonable  
Cause.

pay to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, the sum of Twenty pounds for a Fee or Income for such his or their Admission as aforesaid. And if any such person so elected into the Livery or Cloathing as aforesaid, shall refuse to accept thereof, having no reasonable Cause, and to be so allowed by the Master, Wardens and Assistants, or the major part of them, in a Court of Assistants, then he shall pay to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, for such his Refusal, the sum of Forty pounds.

Which said Ordinances in manner and form aforesaid made at the Request of the said Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, by the Authority and Vertue of the said Act of Parliament made in the Nineteenth Year of the said King Henry the Seventh: We the said Lord Chancellor and Chief Justices aforesaid, have also seen, perused and examined, and in order to the preventing and avoiding the Penalty inflicted by the aforesaid Statute upon the execution of Ordinances not approved, as by the said Act is directed, (as far forth as by Law we may) we do approve, ratifie and confirm. In Witness whereof, We the said Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justices of either Benches, have hereunto subscribed our Names, and set our Seals the said Seventh day of *October*, in the Three and thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Dom. 1681.*

*Nottingham, C.*

*Fr. Pemberton.*

*Fra. North.*

# A N O R D I N A N C E,

Ordained, Devised and Made

By the Master and Keepers or Wardens  
and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *STATIONERS* of the City of *London*, for the well-  
governing of that Society.

**T**<sup>D</sup> all Christian People to whom these Presents shall come, *We the Right Honorable, Sir Francis North Kt, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, Sir Edmund Saunders Kt, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Kings Bench, and Sir Francis Pemberton Kt, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, send Greeting. Whereas in a Statute made in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of the late King of famous Memory, Henry the Seventh, for the Weal and Profit of his Subjects, It was (amongst other things) Ordained, Established and Enacted, That no Master, Wardens and Fellowships of Crafts or Mysteries, or any of them, or any Rulers of Guilds and Fraternities, should take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances, nor to execute any Acts or Ordinances than aforemade, in disinheritation or diminution of the Prerogative of the King, nor of any other, nor against the common Profit of the People, except the same Acts or Ordinances be examined and approved by the Chancellour or Treasurer of England, or Chief Justices of either Benches, or three of them, or before both the Justices of Assize in their Circuit or Progress in the Shire where such Acts or Ordinances be made, upon pain of forfeiture of Forty pounds for every time that they do contrary, (as by the said Statute more plainly doth and may appear.) Now know ye, That the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the*

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*Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, willing and desiring that the said Act of Parliament be in all things duly observed and kept, the Tenth day of February, in the Five and thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Dom. One thousand six hundred eighty two, for the better regulating and ordering of the Corporation of them the said Master, and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, and for the preventing of Abuses and Misdemeanours, in and about Printing, Have presented unto us this underwritten Ordinance by them Ordained, Devised, and Made for the well-governing of their Corporation and Society, and every Member thereof, and have made their humble Suit and Request to us to Examine, Correct, Amend, and to Approve thereof in such manner and form, as by the said Act of Parliament made in the said Nineteenth Year of King Henry the Seventh, is required. We therefore well considering and approving the said Supplication to be good and reasonable, according to their desire, and by the authority of the said Act of Parliament to us given, the same Ordinance underwritten, so to us exhibited, have Seen, Read, and Examined; the Tenor whereof hereafter followeth in these words. (Viz.)*

At



At an Assembly of the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, held at their Common Hall in the Parish of *St. Martin Ludgate*, in the Ward of *Farringdon within*, *London*, on *Wednesday* the sixth day of *December*, *Anno Dom.* One thousand six hundred eighty and two, for the well-governing of the Members of this Company, the Law and Ordinance hereafter mentioned, was then made, enacted, and ordained by the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, in manner and form following, *viz.*

**W**Hereas, It hath been the ancient usage of the Members of this Company, for the Printer or Printers, Publisher or Publishers of all Books, Pamphlets, Ballads, and Papers, (except what are granted by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England) to Enter into the publick Register-Book of this Company, remaining with the Clerk of this Company for the time being, in his or their own Name or Names, all Books, Pamphlets, Ballads, and Papers whatsoever, by him or them to be printed or published, before the same Book, Pamphlet, Ballad, or Paper is begun to be printed; To the end that the Printer or Publisher thereof may be known, to justifie whatsoever shall be therein contained, and have no excuse for the printing or publishing thereof; which Usage this Company now taking into their consideration, do think that the due observation thereof may be a means to prevent the printing and publishing of treasonable, seditious, and scandalous Books, Pamphlets, Libels, and Papers, or discover the Printers or Publishers thereof.

**I**T is therefore Ordained, That all and every Member or Members of this Company, shall before the printing or reprinting of any Book, Pamphlet, Ballad, or Paper (except what are granted under the Great Seal of England as aforesaid) in his own person cause to be entered into the Register-Book of this Company (remaining in the custody of the Clerk of this Company, paying the usual Fees for the entering thereof)

Books, &c., to be entred by the person himself, and under his own Name.

Penalty 20*l*.

therof) in his and their own Name and Names in words at length, the title of all and every Book, Pamphlet and Paper, that he or they shall hereafter print or publish, or cause to be printed or published. And to which Entry he or they shall set and subscribe his and their respective Name and Names; upon pain of forfeiting to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Stationers of the City of London, Twenty pounds; to be by them recovered by Action of Debt, to their own use.

Which said Ordinance in manner and form aforesaid, made at the request of the said Master and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, by the Authority and Vertue of the said Act of Parliament made in the Nineteenth Year of the said King *Henry* the Seventh, and for the preventing of the Penalty inflicted by the aforesaid Statute upon the execution of Ordinances not approved, as by the said Act is directed, (as far forth as by Law we may) *We* the said Lord Keeper, and Lords Chief Justices of either Benches, do approve, ratifie, and confirm. *In witness* whereof, we the said Lord Keeper, and Lords Chief Justices of either Benches, have hereunto subscribed our Names, and set our Seals, the said Tenth day of *February*, in the Five and thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *Charles* the Second, by the Grace of God of *England, Scotland, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Dom.* 1682.

*F. North, C. S.*

*Edm. Saunders.*

*Fr. Pemberton.*

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